

KONTRAS QUARTET

The Kontras Quartet has been described as "a tightly crafted and beautiful instrument" (CVNC Arts Journal) and has been commended by Gramophone Magazine for their "scrupulous shading and control" and "enjoyable musical personality" (Fanfare Magazine). Kontras means "contrasts" in the Afrikaans language - fitting for a string ensemble whose colorful repertoire spans centuries, genres, and continents. The Quartet's recent engagements include tours of South Africa and Switzerland; broadcasts on *Performance Today* and a three-month residency with Chicago's WFMT 98.7 FM; appearances on NBC and PBS; and sold-out performances in San Diego, Chicago, Washington D.C., Telluride, Salt Lake City, Raleigh and Arizona. The Kontras Quartet records for MSR Classics and DoubleTime Music, and have released three critically acclaimed albums, including the premiere recording of Dan Visconti's *Ramshackle Songs*.